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In re United States Patent Application of: Docket No.: 020884-9 Applicant(s): Castell Ripol, Jose Vicente, et al. Examiner: Not Yet Assigned Application 10/597,286 Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned Serial No.: (U.S. National Stage Application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP2004/000339) Int'l Filing Date: 19 January 2004 Customer No.: Priority Date: 19 January 2004 METHOD FOR OBTAINING A Title: SINGULAR CELL MODEL 24239 CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING IN VITRO THE METABOLIC IDIOSYNCRASY OF HUMANS

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/597,286

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Prior to examination of the subject application, please amend the specification as set out in Section I

(Amendments to the Specification). The amendment to the specification is in response to the

concurrently submitted response to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications

Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

The Claims of the subject application are set out in Section II (The Claims).